GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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Infrastructure Development
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce any plan for development of infrastructure in the shipping sector in the country;
(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
(c) the potential of employment generation in the sector as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Modernisation and development of infrastructure of the shipping sector is a continuing process. The Government is regularly monitoring port and other shipping projects related to modernization and development of the infrastructure. Government of India has embarked on the SagarmalaProgramme with the aim to promote port-led development in the country. The concept of the SagarmalaProgramme was approved by the Cabinet on 25thMarch, 2015.

As part of the SagarmalaProgramme, a National Perspective Plan (NPP) has been prepared for promoting economic development of India's coastline and maritime sector. More than 150 projects have been identified across the areas of Port Modernization & New Port Development, Port Connectivity Enhancement, Port-led Industrial Development and Coastal Community Development. The projects are aimed at expansion of existing ports, development of new ports, enhancement of road and rail connectivity to major and non-major ports, heavy haul rail corridor project, freight expressways, development of multi-modal logistics hubs, promotion of coastal shipping and inland waterways, development of Coastal Economic Zones and port-linked industrial clusters, development of fishing harbours and coastal community skill development programs.

(c) The above projects are expected to enable creation of about 1 crore new jobs, including 40 lakh direct jobs, in the next 10 years.
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